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SUBJECT: DRAFT INMARSAT HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT -- IMMUNITY
FOR REP. OF PARTIES

FOR: ARTHUR L. FREEMAN (USDEL TO INMARSAT PREP COMM) FROM
HORACE SHAMWELL (L/M)

1. REFERENCE REQUEST BY USSR REP (KOLODKIN) FOR US SUPPORT
OF USSR POSITION FAVORING EXTENSION OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY
(I.E., PERSONAL INVIOABILITY) TO REPRESENTATIVES OF PARTIES
(CF. SIGNATORIES) TO INMARSAT, DEPT. RECOMMENDS ADHERENCE
TO PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED VIEW THAT SUCH REPRESENTATIVES TO A
COMMERCIALY-ORIENTED INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION HAVE
NO NEED FOR PERSONAL IMMUNITY. AS DRAFT OF HEADQUARTERS
AGREEMENT NOW STANDS (AS IT WAS TABLED AT VARNA MEETING),
REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH PARTIES AND SIGNATORIES WILL RECEIVE
FUNCTIONAL IMMUNITY ONLY.

2. US POSITION IS CONSISTENT WITH ARRANGEMENT AGREED TO
WITH INTELSTAT IN ITS HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT. SUPPORT FOR
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GREATER IMMUNITY IN INMARSAT CONTEXT WOULD CREATE
UNWARRANTED DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN THE TWO SIMILARLY-
ORIENTED ORGANIZATIONS.

3. SUPPORT FOR USSR POSITION IS EXPECTED TO DRAW ONLY
TOKEN MINORITY SUPPORT. CHRISTOPHER

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